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Dreams & Portals

June 21-September 7 // Central Court

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Lawrence, KS— A summer exhibition at the Spencer Museum of Art features selections from the permanent collection that may evoke dreams and ideas of place, near and far. *Dreams & Portals* opens Saturday, June 21 and continues through September 7 in the museum's Central Court.

The exhibition, organized by Kris Imants Ercums, curator of Asian art, and Susan Earle, curator of European and American art, presents works in a diverse range of media, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, lithography, and collage.

The single loaned piece in the show is Lawrence artist Carol Ann Carter's most recent work, a seven-minute-long digital video entitled *Mapping Transformation: Continued*. Carter, KU professor of art, first presented the 2008 work in April as part of the Humanities Lecture Series for KU's Hall Center for the Humanities.

Some works may transport viewers to other places, such as the lyrical *Blue Door (La Porte Bleue)* by French artist Pierre Lesieur. Reflecting the artist's travels to North Africa, this painting evokes the sea or an open door in a way that suggests a dream, or a portal. Many works feature abstract imagery, at times suggestive of dreams, or passages to other landscapes, be they of the mind or actual places. Others combine abstraction and figuration, like the William T. Wiley drawing *Feeding Time*. Others teeter between realism and abstraction, such as *Foam Chrome II* by Gary Pruner.

A portal can be defined as a door or gate or entrance, especially a grand or imposing one. Paintings themselves are like portals. They allow us to enter worlds and spaces like nothing else can. Let your mind wander and see what dreams you might recall, or what new perspectives you might gain.

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Gallery hours

Tues., Wed., Fri., & Saturday 10 AM—5 PM

Thurs. 10 AM—9 PM

Sun. Noon—5 PM

Closed Monday

Museum Shop closes 30 minutes before the galleries close.

- Free parking in Lot 91 after 5 PM on weekdays and all day weekends, excepting home football games.
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